

Cornell University Library Web Archiving Project

CUL Web Archiving

Since 2011, Cornell University Library (CUL) has been archiving websites in an attempt to preserve these ephemeral resources for future scholarship and research. To accomplish this, CUL has used the tool Archive-It, a service of the Internet Archive; the CUL collection can be viewed at: <http://www.archive-it.org/organizations/529>. To inquire further about this project, email cul_webarchivist@cornell.edu

Areas being Archived:

Cornell University websites:

Cornell University Library (CUL) has investigated web archiving as a tool to continue our role in capturing the intellectual output of Cornell University, primarily through archiving the <http://cornell.edu> domain.

We actively work to identify and archive the websites of Cornell entities who publish their content outside of the cornell.edu domain, which include the Cornell University Cooperative Extensions and over 300 student organizations. If you are a member of a Cornell-affiliated organization with a website without "cornell.edu" in the URL, please let us know; email cul_webarchivist@cornell.edu

The Cornell University Archives web archive is available: <https://archive-it.org/collections/2566>

Department of Art Faculty

The Department of Art at Cornell University includes artists with diverse practices and methods. This collection captures artworks created by these professors. <https://archive-it.org/collections/9321>

Digital Art

Many artists and works represented online are indispensable to the history of digital media art; however, web sites are ephemeral and artworks posted on websites and its documentation frequently disappear. The insecurity of access to these materials presents serious obstacles to teaching courses on the history of digital media art. To facilitate future scholarship and classroom teaching, Cornell University Library is preserving and making accessible selected websites identified as important in understanding the history of digital media art. The items in this collection are intended for use in the teaching of Digital Media Art at Cornell University. <https://archive-it.org/collections/4388>

Harmful Algal Blooms (HABs) in New York State Web Archive

In recent years, citizens of New York who are living on or around freshwater lakes have learned first-hand how inconvenient and at times dangerous harmful algal blooms (HABs) can be. Many have become involved in citizen science efforts, gathering water samples that can be analyzed for the presence of HABs. Meanwhile, local news sources, NGOs, and government organizations have undertaken efforts to educate the public about the risks of exposure to HABs, and some have shared strategies for reducing the potency and frequency of HABs in their communities. To capture this moment in time, Cornell University Library is preserving and making accessible selected websites identified as being reflective of how citizens are responding to the risk of HABs as well as how scientific information is being shared. <https://archive-it.org/collections/13382>

Hydrofracking the Marcellus Shale

For a number of years, the citizens of New York State have engaged in a rich debate concerning the prospect of hydraulic fracturing in the Marcellus Shale. While some of the discussion and events have been captured by news outlets, much of the information is appearing on web sites and social media. Unfortunately, web sites disappear over time and important content can vanish. To ensure that this important trove of information is available to future generations of scholars, the Cornell University Library is creating a permanent archive of the web sites concerned with the issue of hydraulic fracturing in New York. <https://archive-it.org/collections/2788>

NGOs in Nepal

Throughout recorded history, Nepal has nestled between the giant cultural formations of India to the south and China/Tibet to the north. With the globalization of modern times, international interests and concerns draw Nepal into contact with more distant corners of the world. There are now a multitude of non-governmental organizations at work in Nepal, many headquartered in the Kathmandu Valley. Some are international NGOs and some are purely Nepali, some are long running and some are startups. All of the websites archived here are NGO self-presentations of their aspirations and their achievements on various fronts—humanitarian, environmental, economic, political, religious, and more. <https://archive-it.org/collections/11267>

New York State Climate Change

New York State is poised to become a leader in planning for and adapting to the impacts of climate change. Climate change science is a broad and diverse field, and sorting through and understanding the amount and detail of scientific information available is a challenge to scientists, engineers, policy makers and practitioners alike. To address these challenges the Northeast States for Coordinated Air Use Management (NESCAUM), Cornell University, State University of New York College of Environmental Science and Forestry (SUNY-ESF) and the federal National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) have teamed up to create the New York Climate Change Science Clearinghouse (NYCCSC). Funded by the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA), the NYCCSC will be a regional, web-based interface for accessing data, documents, maps and information relevant to climate change adaptation and mitigation across New York State. Because the site is meant as a portal for discovery of a broad range of information held and maintained elsewhere, this collection will serve as an archive of the changing content climate change websites relevant to and discoverable via the NYCCSC. <https://archive-it.org/collections/4619>

Privacy Policies

Libraries have a long tradition of protecting the privacy of patrons. When the contents of library collections was only print, librarians did things such as purge transaction records upon return of physical items. Libraries continue that practice for print items, but as more of our collection is licensed electronic resources hosted by a third party, we are finding that our traditional reader privacy approach is insufficient. As part of the Privacy-as-a-Service Cornell University Library is developing, we will be doing much more to monitor third party handling of patron data. This web archiving collection provides us with a method for collecting privacy statements from vendors automatically, today and into the future. <https://archive-it.org/organizations/529>

Special Collections organizations:

Special Collections units across CUL have been archiving the websites of organizations that deposit papers in CUL repositories; this project is not comprehensive for all organizations that deposit papers at CUL. This includes the Division of Rare and Manuscript Collections (<https://archive-it.org/collections/3134>), the Kheel Center for Labor-Management Documentation and Archives (<https://archive-it.org/collections/3131>) and the Medical Center Archives of NewYork-Presbyterian / Weill Cornell Medical Center (<https://archive-it.org/collections/3132>).

Restaurants, Food Festivals and Finger Lakes Regional Wineries

Restaurants and food festivals offer a rich amount of culinary information on their public websites. As much of the content on these websites changes frequently, this archive serves to preserve the information for a future generation of scholars. This web collection includes a hand-picked selection of independent, award-winning restaurants and food festivals. <https://archive-it.org/collections/10344>

Textile Industry

In 2017 the collections of the former American Textile History Museum in Lowell, Massachusetts were acquired by the Kheel Center for Labor-Management Documentation Archives. The Textile Industry Collections is part of an effort to preserve the history of the textile industry in the United States by acting as a repository for the websites of the existing textile mills in the United States. It also seeks to preserve websites of textile industry related organizations such as Fibersheds that act to bring more transparency and sustainable practices to the textile supply chain. <https://archive-it.org/collections/12348>

U.S. Worker Centers

Worker centers are community-based and community-led organizations that organize and provide support to workers. The number of worker centers in the United States has been steadily growing since the 1990s. Many worker centers have established an internet presence through web sites and social media. Worker centers often operate on limited budgets and staffing, resulting in web sites and content that can be ephemeral. With this collection of web sites, the Martin P. Catherwood Library in Cornell University's ILR School aims to make information about these worker organizations available to future generations of scholars. <https://archive-it.org/collections/8586>

To view the websites currently archived by Cornell, visit our Archive-it page: <http://www.archive-it.org/organizations/529>